

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have finished our retellings of the Lost and Found story by Oliver Jeffers. We were very impressed with the vocabulary choices that the children made. Next week, we will be reading fact files about polar animals. We will then create our own fact files about a polar animal.

This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'le' as in apple, 'al' as in metal, 'c' as in face and 've' as in have. Our tricky words for the week have been: school, call and different. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In Maths, we have been learning to count in groups of five. Using gloves, hands and 5p coins the children have explored different things that come in a group of 5 and how we can count them efficiently.

One key aspect of Maths is fluency. It is important for children to have a range of number facts at their fingertips which they can use flexibly to help them solve problems and calculations. These range from addition and subtraction strategies (e.g. doubling, number bonds to 10/20) to multiplication and division facts.

White Rose Maths Hub have released a free app called "One Minute Maths" which is suitable for devices running Android and IOS. It is aimed to help children in Reception and Key Stage 1 develop their addition and subtraction fluency skills and to recognise key facts quickly. Many of the key facts practised on the app are key for children in Year 1 to have automatic recall of. Feel free to download the app from the App Store and use this as an additional tool at home to support your child's mathematical development.



In indoor PE, we have started a new unit on Dance. This week, we have been creating an Antarctica themed dance routine. In outdoor PE, we have begun to learn the skills needed to play tennis.

Unfortunately, due to the icy conditions this week, we were unable to go on our trip to Woodhouse Park. This has been rearranged for **Thursday 26th January**. As you have already given consent, we will assume this still stands, unless you inform us otherwise. Should you no longer wish to give your consent please contact the school office.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent/Teacher consultation appointments. It was lovely to see you all.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson